

**BATE FAMILY PAPERS
1834-1906**

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INTRODUCTION

The Bate Family Papers (1834-1906) are centered around Dr. Humphrey Howell Bate (1844-1911), a physician of Sumner County, Tennessee and his sister, Countess Eugenia Patience (Bate) Bertinatti (1826-1906), wife of Count Guiseppi Bertinatti (____-1811), an Italian Envoy to the United States. The Bate Family Papers are a gift of Mrs. Henry Baird, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The collection occupies .84 cubic feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 365 items. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Bate Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Bate Family Papers, consisting of approximately 365 items, span the period 1834-1906. The collection consists of accounts, Civil War items, correspondence, court records, a diary, financial documents, genealogical data, land records, legal documents, an oath, obituaries, photographs, school records, a slavery item, tax receipts and several miscellaneous items.

A substantial part of the collection is correspondence, which is largely family in nature, between the children of Humphrey Bate (1799-1856) and his second wife Anne Francis Weathered Bate (1840-1875) of Castalian Springs, Sumner County, Tennessee. Eugenia Patience Bate (1826-1906), one of five daughters and four sons born to her parents, was twice married. Through her first husband Council Rogers Bass (____-1855) she inherited Riverside Plantation in Washington County, Mississippi. After her husband's death Eugenia was faced with the responsibility of managing this large plantation. Much of her correspondence is concerned with the problems of managing Riverside at a time when she was faced with settling claims of her late husband's creditors.

Other letters by Eugenia were written after she had become the wife of Count Guiseppi Bertinatti (____-1881), Italian Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States. Residing and traveling in various European countries, Eugenia's letters describe European royalty she met, as well as the people and her impressions of these foreign lands.

Other correspondence in the collection is centered around Eugenia's two brothers, Humphrey ("Ummy") Howell Bate (1844-1911), a practicing physician, and Henry Clay Bate (1839-1917). These letters generally concern lands owned in Mississippi and Texas by the Bates family. There are also a few letters by William Brimage Bate (1826-1905), a cousin of Eugenia and Humphrey, who was a General in the Civil War, a Governor of Tennessee (1883-1887) and United States Senator (1887-1905).

Among the Civil War items is a letter of condolence to Mrs. Anna F. Bate on the death of her son Aaron Spivey Bate (1845-1863); a fragmented Civil War diary of Aaron's for 1863; passes for Humphrey and Aaron; and a copy of a loyalty oath signed by Humphrey on April 6, 1865. The slavery item is a bill of sale for 1809 and 1834.

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